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SUBJECT: STUDENT SYMPATHY RALLY OVER ARREST OF NORTHERN ACTIVISTS

REF: A) BANGKOK 5959 (NOTAL) B) BANGKOK 16900 C) BANGKOK 17076

SUMMARY: THE STUDENTS AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY HAVE
DISPERSED THEIR RALLY PROTESTING THE ARRESTS OF THE NINE
FARMER AND STUDENT ACTIVISTS IN LAMPHUN PROVINCE. POLICE
IN LAMPHUN HAVE BEGUN TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S
RELEASE OF THE DEFENDANTS. END SUMMARY

1. THE STUDENT RALLY AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY PROTESTING
THE AUGUST 3 ARRESTS OF NINE FARMERS AND STUDENT ACTIVISTS
IN LAMPHUN PROVINCE HAS ENDED. A SMALL CROWD
DISPERSED AFTER THE DEFENDANTS APPEARED BEFORE IT IN
BANGKOK ON AUGUST 15.

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2. EVENTS IN LAMPHUN CONTINUE TO UNFOLD ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THE APRIL INCIDENT IN NAKHON SI THAMMARAT PROVINCE (REF A). A "PUBLIC" AND POLICE COUNTERDEMONSTRATION IS BUILDING IN LAMPHUN (REF C). DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PRAMAN ADIREKSAN, HOWEVER, HAS WINCED IN PUBLIC OVER THE AFFAIR (FBIS BK 170355Y AUG 75), PROBABLY REITERATING THE GOVERNMENT'S ORIGINAL INTENTION NOT TO GIVE IN TO THE DEMONSTRATORS.

3. THE ENTIRE LAMPHUN INCIDENT IS ANOTHER IN A SERIES OF INEVITABLE DISPUTES AND PROTESTS WHICH WILL EMERGE IN THE HEADIER ATMOSPHERE OF THAI DEMOCRACY. THE DISPUTE DOES NOT INVOLVE BASIC POLITICAL AGREEMENTS AMONG THE POWER-BROKER-THAT-BE, AND DOES NOT THREATEN KHUKRIT'S GRIP ON POWER.

THERE ARE NO U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS INVOLVED IN THE LAMPHUN INCIDENT.
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